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In re Application of Krit Panusopone et al

OFFICE OF PETITIONS

Application No. 10/613,865

: DECISION GRANTING PETITION

Filed: July 3, 2003

UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)

Attorney Docket No. GIC-600.1

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed August 17, 2006, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is GRANTED.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed August 15, 2005, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the aboveidentified application became abandoned on November 16, 2005. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on March 3, 2006.

The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that (1) the reply, (2) the \$1,500 petition fee, and (3) the required statement of unintentional delay have been received. Accordingly, the reply to the non-final Office action of August 15, 2005 is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

It is not apparent whether the person signing the statement of unintentional delay was in a position to have firsthand or direct knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the delay at issue. Nevertheless, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. See 37 CFR 10.18(b) and Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure; Final Rule Notice, 62 Fed. Req. 53131, 53178 (October 10, 1997), 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 63, 103 (October 21, 1997). In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that it is not correct that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37

CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

There is no indication that the person signing the petition was ever given a power of attorney or authorization of agent to prosecute the above-identified application. If the person signing the petition desires to receive future correspondence regarding this application, the appropriate power of attorney or authorization of agent must be submitted. While a courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the person signing the petition, all future correspondence will be directed to the address currently of record until such time as appropriate instructions are received to the contrary.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3218.

This matter is being referred to Technology Center AU 2621 for appropriate action in the normal course of business on the reply received August 15, 2005.

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